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1. Volkseigener Betrieb (VEB), Feinmaschinenbau, Dresden. Development of a new design of jig boring machine (BL 2) was completed here on 14 February. The machine is provided with an optical apparatus that insures a true bore to a thousandth of a millimeter. The program calls for the construction of three machines for the Zeiss optical works at Jena and twelve machines for an optical works in Kiev, the Soviet Union.
2. Werk Zemag Zeitz. This works is enlarging its shop on Naumburgerstrasse. Great difficulties are being encountered at the moment from shortage of materials. By an order of the Soviet Control Commission (SKK), the Government of the German People's Republic (DDR) must create a fund of ten billion for the procurement of so-called supplementary materials. The money must be collected immediately. Cranes for all sorts of vehicles are manufactured in the works. The largest crane made here up to now has a lifting capacity of 150 tons. Tank (panzer) plates of 50 and 80 cm are also made here, as well as in the Silbitz (SAG Marten) works. Up to 300 plates a month are turned out. They are handled by an eight-axled crane truck with tires of two meters' diameter. The crane is not mounted in the works. The consignee is a Sowjetische Aktiengesellschaft (SAG) works in Dessau.*
3. SAG Werk Bleichert, Leipzig. Since the announcement of the completion of the so-called "Applepicker" two pieces have been manufactured. During the test an electric motor burned out and the half-extended tube collapsed. A workman had a finger smashed.
4. SAG Werk Louis Schopper, Leipzig. This works manufactures machine tools for ammunition factories in the Soviet Union. Six cartridge-drawing machines were delivered during January.

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